



City Council

Finance Committee Meeting

~Final~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Councilor Zaida Govan, Chair

September 8,
2026

4:00 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Call To Order

4:00 PM Meeting called to order on September 19, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Roll Call

In Person:

Councilor Zaida Govan
Pat Burns,
Cathy Buono, CAFO
Steve Lonergan, Director, Collectors
Saco Malone, Grants
Chris Fraser, Director, Finance
Sergeant Cateliar, SPD

Zoom:

Council President Whitfield
Chris Cignoli, Director, DPW
Brian Connors, Eco Dev
Heather C, TJO
Heather Benjamin
Gerry McCafferty, Director of Housing
Lindsey Hackett, Deputy CAFO
Councilor Victor Davila (*L)

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Brian Santaniello	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Gerry Martin	City Councilor — Ward 7	Excused	
Maria Perez	City Councilor — Ward 1	Excused	

Malo Brown	City Councilor — Ward 4	Excused	
Zaida Govan	City Councilor — Ward 8	Present	
Kateri Walsh	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Justin Hurst	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Victor Davila	City Councilor — Ward 6	Virtual	*Late
Michael Fenton	City Councilor — Ward 2	Excused	
Jose Delgado	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Lavar Click-Bruce	City Councilor — Ward 5	Absent	
Melvin Edwards	City Councilor — Ward 3	Excused	
Tracye Whitfield	City Councilor At Large	Virtual	

Public Portion

1. **July Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report**
2. **FY27 Libraries Cash Donation - \$15.00**
3. **Bass Pond Club Aeration Project Donation — \$3,847.00**
4. **FY27 TJO Grant Increase - No Match Required \$100,000.00**
5. **FY27 TJO Grant - No Match Required \$225,000.00**
6. **FY27 SCSEP Grant - In - Kind Match Required \$490,523.00**
7. **FY27 Municipal Community Mitigation Fund - No Match Required \$765,803.05**
8. **FY27 HOPWA Grant - No Match Required \$827,432.00**
9. **2026 WRAP Funds - No Match Required \$1,176,843.41**
10. **Bills of Prior Year - Various Departments - \$810.22**
11. **Cable PEG Access Account Comcast Franchise Fee - \$116,466.08**

12. Order Authorizing Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Springfield Business Improvement District

Minutes:

On September 8, 2026, the Finance Committee, chaired by Councilor Zaida Govan, met to review the July Revenue and Expenditure Report and financial items before the City Council. The report covered the first month of Fiscal Year 2027 and included a preliminary \$5 million net school spending shortfall. The City also made its annual \$116.5 million pension payment, the primary reason expenditures temporarily outpaced revenues.

The committee reviewed several grants and funding items, including \$325,000 for veterinary services at Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control, approximately \$490,000 for employment and training opportunities for low-income seniors, \$765,000 in gaming mitigation funding for public health, public safety, and downtown economic development, and approximately \$827,000 in housing assistance for people with HIV/AIDS.

The committee also reviewed a donation supporting Bass Pond restoration, \$1.176 million in additional state funding for the City's street paving program, prior-year bills, cable access funding, and a three-year agreement with the Springfield Business Improvement District that includes a \$150,000 annual City contribution.

Meeting adjourned: approximately 4:33 p.m.

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